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14 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 14 January 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter
Mr. Irwin, Mr. McCone, Mr. James Smith, Mr. Bromley Smith

1. Missing American Airmen

Mr. Irwin informed the group that of the six bodies of American airmen returned to U.S. authorities by the Soviets after the recent crash in Soviet Armenia, four have been positively identified, while it has proved impossible to identify the other two. The remains of the four have been given to the next of kin, but the question now arises as to how to dispose of the two unidentified bodies. Mr. Irwin asked the Board's opinion of how Defense should proceed in this matter; he said that the two bodies could be buried with no publicity or that, on the other hand, they could be interred with full military honors and attendant publicity as Unknown Airmen. He also asked whether either action should be taken while Mikoyan is in this country or after he departs.

Mr. Herter advised that any action be deferred until after the final discussions with Mr. Mikoyan, during which a last effort could be made to secure information from him as to the whereabouts of the other members of the crew of this aircraft. After this effort, State will then advise Defense on the next step.

2. Nuclear Testing

Mr. McCone reported that during recent closed hearings of the Joint Congressional Committee for Atomic Energy a good deal of information, which he described as potentially "harmful and dramatic", particularly in the context of the current Geneva talks, was given in testimony. He said that he thought the OCB should be aware of this fact, because of the possibility of publicity which could hurt our position.

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As described by Mr. McCone, Dr. Teller and Dr. Bethe had clashed. The latter took the position that the U.S. should have stopped nuclear testing some time ago and that we are obviously dragging our feet in proceeding toward suspension. Dr. Teller on the other hand had pointed out that [redacted] it is questionable whether underground experiments up to a magnitude of 100 KT could be positively detected, and therefore suspension of tests at this stage could affect U.S. interests adversely.

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Mr. McCone emphasized that he was not asking the OCB to take any action but was simply keeping it informed.

3. Newspaper Release re Geneva Conference.

Mr. Herter said that the State Department was preparing a news release explaining the shift in the American position on nuclear tests whereby we have dropped the linking of suspension to world-wide disarmament agreements. He said he thought this release would be ready to give to the papers should news of the changed U.S. position leak from Geneva.

4. President Sukarno's Illness.

Mr. Irwin stated that General Taylor had suggested that the facilities of Walter Reed Hospital could be made available if it were considered in the national interest to accept President Sukarno of Indonesia there for treatment. Both Mr. Herter and Mr. Dulles advised caution in proceeding with any such plan, since reports indicate that Sukarno's illness is of a very serious nature and it might be presumed that there could be a good chance of his not surviving an operation; should such an event occur while he was in American hands the result could be very damaging for the U.S. It was agreed that no U.S. official should offer to accept Sukarno at Walter Reed, but if he requested it the matter could be considered further.

5. Military Aid to Indonesia.

Mr. Irwin said that Defense Department officials are considering the possibility of almost doubling the level of military aid to Indonesia, which currently runs about \$7.8 million. He said that no decision had been reached within the Pentagon. It was agreed that State and Defense should examine the pros and cons of this proposal further.

6. Indonesians in the Netherlands.

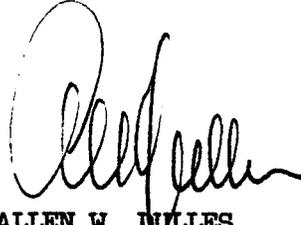
Mr. Herter referred to a report that some 18,000 residents of the South Moluccas are stranded in Holland and that this poses an international problem of some dimensions.

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7. Impact of Mikoyan Visit.

Mr. Harr commented that he feared the good treatment which Deputy Premier Mikoyan is receiving in this country might be creating a bad effect abroad.



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